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ACID AND POLYPEPTIDE AND USES THEREOF

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Sir:

## AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO APRIL 23, 2001 FINAL OFFICE ACTION AND PETITION FOR A TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This Amendment is submitted in response to the April 23, 2001 Final Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the April 23, 2001 Final Office Action was originally due July 23, 2001. Applicant hereby requests a two-month extension of time. The fee for a two-month extension of time is ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$155.00) for a small entity and a check for this amount is enclosed herewith. Therefore, a response to the April 23, 2001 Final Office Action is now due September 23, 2001. However, since September 23, 2001, falls on a Sunday, a response filed on the next business day, i.e., Monday, September 24, 2001, is to be considered timely. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

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